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In re application of : Robert M. Carmichael
Serial No. : 09/730,116
Filed : December 5, 2000
For : ACTIVE CONTROL RELEASABLE BALLAST
SYSTEM FOR USE WITH DIVE EQUIPMENT
Examiner : Ajay Vasudeva
Art Unit : 3617
Our File No. : 9297.6817 (previous 10464.6803)

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the application as follows:

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1. (Amended) An active control releasable ballast system for
dive equipment, comprising:
- a ballast receiving pocket;
 - a ballast member stored within said receiving pocket prior
to release of said ballast member;
 - a first strap attached at least proximate to said receiving
pocket;
 - a second strap attached at least proximate to said receiving
pocket, said second strap associated with said ballast member;
and
 - a side releasable buckle having a first section and a second
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